

The State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors met on **October 19, 2005** at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, Testing Facility, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting business.

**Members Present:**

- Allen Richardson, Chairman
- Roger Huggins, Vice Chairman
- Dan Cash
- Mark Herbert
- Philip Thayer
- Timothy Ansley
- David Cyr
- Tommy Holder
- Hoppy Hopkins
- Morgan Wheeler

**Others Present:**

- Kyle Floyd, Executive Director
- Gina Thompson, Board Secretary
- Reagan Dean, Board Attorney
- Bettie Sleeth, HBAG
- Tyler Newman, HBAG
- Mark Woodall, AGC
- Pat Ussery, Court Reporter, Claude Joiner Reporting Service
- Dennis Diligent, Executive Director, State Government Programs
- Bill Hartz, Director for Contractor and Trades Licensing Service
- Tadas Dabsys, VP for PSI Licensure and Certification

Chairman Richardson established that a quorum was present and called the public hearing on the rules to order at 9:01 A.M. and turned the hearing over to Roger Huggins, Chairman of the General Contractor Division.

Chairman Huggins informed everyone present that the hearing was being held because the General Contractor Division was considering the adoption of proposed Rules 553-4-.01 and 553-4-.02 – General Contractor Division, Qualification for Licensure.

Pat Ussery, Court Reporter, was present to record discussion from the public concerning these rules. No oral comments were made by the public. Discussion was held by the Board on the letter from Reginald Diamond, Manager of the Department of Diversity and Equal Opportunity of MARTA with concerns and recommendations for the Board members to consider when developing the rules. This letter will be made a part of the public hearing transcript.

Following the hearing, Chairman Richardson called the Board meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

The General Contractor Division considered for adoption Rule 553-4-.01 – Licensure Requirements for an Individual to Practice as a General Contractor in the Individual's Own Name or Doing Business as an Individual in a Trade Name or as a Sole Proprietorship and the Economic Impact Statement associated with the rule. A motion was made by Morgan Wheeler, seconded by Tommy Holder, and the Division voted unanimously to adopt the rule and its Economic Impact Statement.

The General Contractor Division considered for adoption Rule 553-4-.02 – Licensure Requirements for an Individual Acting as a Qualifying Agent for a Business Organization Seeking to Engage in the Profession of General Contracting in the Name of the Business Organization and the Economic Impact Statement associated with the rule. A motion was made by Hoppy Hopkins, seconded by Tommy Holder, and the Division voted unanimously to adopt the rule and its Economic Impact Statement.

A motion was made by Mark Herbert, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board's October 5, 2005 minutes.

Chairman Richardson discussed a timeline for future meeting dates to be held the first Wednesday of every month and listed the following dates for consideration: Nov. 16, 2005, January 18, 2006, February 1, 2006, March 1, 2006, April 5, 2006, May 3, 2006, June 7, 2006, July 5, 2006, August 2, 2006, September 6, 2006, October 4, 2006, November 1, 2006 and December 6, 2006. The Board unanimously agreed on these tentative dates.

Kyle Floyd, Executive Director, discussed the Decatur County letter from Glenn Sellars with testing material from the local jurisdiction attached. Mr. Floyd read some of the questions to the Board to show what the contents included.

Chairman Richardson stated that the Board would hear from the representatives of the testing agencies who had come to the meeting to present information about their testing service.

Mr. Dennis Diligent, Executive Director of State Government Programs for Thomson Prometric began the presentation of the company's testing services. A brochure was provided to each board member while Mr. Diligent discussed the history and the reasons the Board should choose Thomson Prometric as the program for testing. Mr. Bill Hartz, Director of Contractor and Trades Licensing Services for the company, continued speaking on the many services available for licensing of contractors and the options that are available for taking an exam through their program.

Mr. Tadas Dabsys, Vice President for PSI Licensure & Certification Division, conducted a presentation on behalf of the company. A brochure was provided to the board members along with several sample testing forms to show the many services available for licensing of contractors and the options that are available for taking an exam through their program.

Discussion was held by the Board on the presentations from PSI and Thomson Prometric. A motion was made by Hoppy Hopkins, seconded by Tommy Holder, and the Board voted unanimously to negotiate contractual arrangements for testing services with PSI.

Discussion was made by Mark Woodall, Director of Governmental Affairs, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc, concerning the definition of "repair". A motion was made by Morgan Wheeler, seconded by Dan Cash, and the Board voted unanimously, for clarification on the "repair" definition to be presented at the next meeting.

Chairman Richardson suggested that the two divisions separate to discuss the applications for their Divisions.

Chairman Huggins called the General Contractor Division to order to review the application for the General Contractor Division. The Division recognized the application needed several changes and requested those changes be made so the application could be reviewed at the next meeting.

Chairman Richardson called to order the Residential-Basic Division and the Residential-Light Commercial Subcategory to discuss applications. The Residential-Light Commercial Subcategory made a change on Rule 553-3-.02(3)(d) and Rule 553-3-04(3)(d) to add the language “designer, structural engineer, or other references acceptable to the subdivision” on the application. Chairman Richardson suggested a conference call be held on October 27, 2005 to post an amendment to the rules because the rules only allow for an architect reference letter. Discussion was held on the Residential-Basic Division application, but Chairman Richardson recognized that the Residential-Basic Division did not have a quorum and could not vote on any changes concerning the application.

Chairman Richardson called the full board back to order and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 P.M. Chairman Huggins called the meeting of the General Contractors Division back to order so that the Division could continue discussion on the application.

Meeting of the General Contractor Division was adjourned at 2:30 P.M. by Chairman Huggins.

**Minutes recorded by:**

Regina Thompson, Board Secretary

**Reviewed/Edited by:**

Kyle Floyd, Executive Director